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TAIPEI--OPPOSITION LEADER LEI CHEN, WHO WAS ARRESTED SEPT. 4 ON CHARGES OF SEDITION, ALSO MAY BE CHARGED WITH AIDING A COMMUNIST SPY, GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THEY RECALLED PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S REMARK TO NEWSMEN TUESDAY THAT LEI HAD KNOWINGLY PROVIDED "COVER" FOR AN AGENT FROM RED CHINA.

TAIPEI'S EX-MAYOR HENRY KAO, LIKE LEI A LEADER OF THE RECENTLY-ORGANIZED DEMOCRATIC (OPPOSITION) PARTY, SAID THE SEDITION SUSPECT WOULD BE EXPELLED FROM THE PARTY IF THE GOVERNMENT CAN PRODUCE CONVINCING PROOF THAT HE WAS LINKED WITH COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE."

WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF CARRYING OUT POLITICAL SUBVERSION," KAO SAID "WE SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT, AND WILL OPPOSE ANY INTER-NATIONAL PLOT TO DIVIDE THE REPUBLIC OF (NATIONALIST CHINA."

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER LI WAN-CHU, ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY, SAID IT HAS NO INTENTION OF USING THE LEI CASE AS A "WEAPON FOR POLITICAL STRUGGLE."

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